

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 6-17 and 20-24 were pending in the above-identified application. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have amended claims 8, 22, and 23, and have added new claim 26. No additional claims have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 6-17, 20-24, and 26 are therefore now pending and under examination. Applicants respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims in view of the amendments and the remarks provided herein.

Allowable Claims

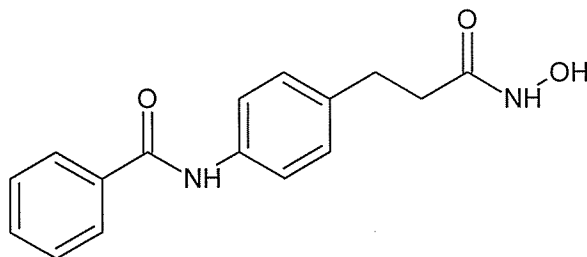
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1,3, 6-7, 9-17, and 21-24 are allowable.

Claim Objected to

The Examiner objected to claim 20 as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but indicated it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As will be described in more detail below, claim 8, from which claim 20 depends, has been amended and should now be allowable. Therefore, claim 20 should be allowable as well.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Watkins *et al.* Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that Watkins et al. discloses the following compound:



Applicants have amended claim 8 so that Z is chosen from $(CH_2)_m$ wherein m is 0-1, rather than 0-3 as was the case before the amendment. The structure of Watkins *et al.* includes Z chosen from $(CH_2)_m$ wherein m is 2. Accordingly, the structure disclosed by Watkins *et al.* does not anticipate claim 8 as amended, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

New Claim 26

Applicants have added new claim 26 as a new dependent claim from claim 8 in which group A is defined as shown. The group shown is included in Compound 42 of figure 7, and is also included in claim 21, and does not constitute new matter. Since this claim depends from claim 8, which is allowable for the reasons described above, Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 26 is allowable as well.

The present Amendment raises no new issues and would not entail the need for further search on the part of the Examiner. In view of the amendments and remarks provided herein, Applicants submit that all of claims 1, 3, 6-17, 20-24, and 26 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of such allowance is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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